# An ENQUIRY HOW THE Wild Youth,

Lately taken in the Woods near *Hanover*, (and now brought over to *England*) could be there left, and by what Creature he could be ſuckled, nurſed, and brought up.

That of this Youth the famous Aſtrologer Mr. *William Lilly* 100 Years ago propheſied, appears by the four other Things which are come to paſs, *viz.*—1*ſt*. The *Pope*'s going to *Benevento*. 2*ly*. *Spain*'s breaking the *Aſſiento* Treaty. 3*ly*. The Emperor's ſending the *Oſtend* Company to *China*. 4*ly*. The Quality's admiring the new *Italian* Singing Woman lately come over, and really named Signiora *Fauſtina*.

And 5*ly*. This *Wild Youth*, in his following famous Prophecy.

When Rome ſhall wend (i. e. go) to Benevento,
And Spaniards break the Aſſiento:
When Spread Eagle flies to China,
And Chriſtian Folks adore Fauſtina:
Then ſhall the Woods be Brought to Bed,
Of Creature neither taught nor fed,
Great Feats ſhall he atchieve——

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# Concerning the WILD YOUTH.

IT WAS a conſtant Maxim with *Ariſtotle*, that *Ubi res* CONSTAT, *Rei quærendæ eſt ratio*, When any wonderful thing is really MATTER OF FACT, the more wonderful the Thing is, the more ought we to enquire into it.

'Tis undeniable, that about *Chriſtmas* in the Year 1725, there was found in the Woods of *Hamelin*, a Town in *Germany* 28 Miles from *Hanover*, a Creature of a real human Kind and Species, naked and wild, and (*as may be reaſonably ſuppoſed*) who never had been known from at leaſt its Infancy, to any of its own Species, being a Boy of (*as may be conjectured by his Stature*) about 12 or 13 Years of Age.

When he was firſt diſcovered he was ſo wild and ſavage, as to ſhun all human Kind, and could clamber and climb up the Trees with an Agility ſcarce to be conceived.

This being thus really true, 'tis worth while enquiring after the moſt probable Origin of this Youth's wildneſs.

Certain it is, that he is of human Kind, and had a Father and Mother like us, but how he could ſubſiſt in thoſe *Woods*, and be wild, as really he was, the moſt probable Account that can be thought of, muſt be as follows.

About 12 or 13 Years ago. 'tis well known, that there was in *Germany* a Set of travelling People, who during the whole Summer were pretty much in thoſe *Woods of Hamelin*.

Now let us ſuppoſe, that one of their Infants might be ſo laid aſide by its Mother in ſuch vaſt Woods, as to be loſt by her, which is not unlikely, and which being ſuppoſed, the Difficulty is, how this Child could LIVE there.

Nouriſhment it muſt have had, and ſince it had loſt its Mother, nothing could keep it alive, but the Nouriſhment it muſt receive by way of *Sucking* from ſome living *Creature*.

We are not here employed about fabulous Stories, ſuch as the Ancients feign of *Romulus* and *Remus*, two twin Brothers, who they tell us were ſuckled by a Wolf,

Nor about what modern Fabuliſt amuſe Children with of *Valentine* and *Orſon*, whoſe Story every one knows:

But we are here ſeriouſly to find out, how this Child was really maintained and kept alive, which ſince no Woman did, it muſt have been done by ſome ſavage Creature.

Now in theſe Woods there are but 3 Sorts of Creatures, that we can imagin to have performed the Part of a Nurſe to this Infant, *viz.* A She-Bear, a Wolf, and a wild Sow.

As for a Sow, ſuppoſe it had met with the Child, and had ſo laid aſide its Wildneſs, as to have laid it ſelf down to ſuckle it, yet its Nature is ſuch, having a hard briſtly Coat, that it could not ſupply it with Warmth neceſſary

So that it is not impoſſible, that ſome She-Bear, ſom how or other deprived of her Cubs, finding this Infant and being full of a ſuckling, nurſing, tender Temper finding it a Living-thing, laid her ſelf down to it, and ſuckled it, and 'tis well known to thoſe Perſons who keep Bears tame, that where they naturally take, they are very fond of human kind. It may then be reaſonably ſuppoſed that this Creature having *thus taken to it*, nouriſhed it 'till it could ſhift for it ſelf, by which time being inured to Cold and Hardſhip as to Cloathing and Weather, it alſo contracted a Facility of eating what *Food* the *Woods* afforded, ſuch as Nuts, Roots, Herbage, and Berries of diverſe Sorts.

Thus by a little Cuſtom, he ſoon inured himſelf to raw Herbs and Fruits, and ſo lived till the Time he was taken.

He is now brought over to *England*, and delivered by the King's Orders to proper Perſons to teach him to ſpeak, which can only be done by teaching him the Uſe of his Lips and Mouth in uttering the Letters of the Alphabet A. B. C. D. and ſo on, & then to join them together.

As to his being dumb 'tis no Wonder, becauſe if a Child was never to hear any Body ſpeak, it would never ſpeak it ſelf, ſo that his being Dumb, is not from any Defficiency in Nature, which is generally accompanied with Deafneſs too, but 'tis from a *Non-Uſe*, and want of not having heard People ſpeak about him, and to him.

He is ſtrait and upright, & not Hairy, except a buſhy Head of dark brown Hair, has a roving Look with his Eyes, and is of a merry Diſpoſition frequently laughing.

The middle and 4th Finger of his Left-hand are ſomething web'd together like a Duck's Foot, but it ſeems rather to have been wounded and healed up again, than natural.

He has all the Paſſions of Mind like us, and is affraid of his Tutor, who keeps him under, & corrects him by ſtriking his Legs with a broad Leather Strap, to keep him in awe.

He is very much for putting his Hand into any ones Pocket, to know what they have there, and if he finds Nuts or Fruits, he is very glad of them.

He now eats the ſame Food as we do, but is moſt fond of Vegetables, ſuch as Fruits, Nuts, Roots, Herbs and ſuch like. & has a natural Tendency to get away if not held by his Coat, which is of a Forreſt Green, faced with Red.

He takes now to being cloathed tolerably well, tho at firſt it was awkward to him. He has very good ſtrong Teeth, and comely Features enough, but whether he will be brought ſo ſoon to ſpeak, as was expected is a Queſtion,

Tho he can pronounce and utter after his Tutor Words of one Syllable, called Monoſyllables, ſuch as *You*, *We*, *How*, *Come*, *Pray*, &c. For ſuch Words conſiſting of the Utterance of but one ſingle Sound of the Mouth, ſuch Words are as eaſily expreſſed, as any one Letter by it ſelf.

What he has hitherto learned, is by Rote, as any dumb Creature is taught to fetch and carry: So at coming towards Perſons his Tutor (*who calls him* Peter) bids him make a Bow, upon which he kiſſes his Fingers, and makes a Bow, he readily enough doing what his Tutor bids him.

He goes now very ſtrait and upright, which may be attributed in a great Meaſure to his Cloaths that keep him up, ſo that crawling or ſcrambling about, would now be more troubleſome to him, than walking upright is.

'Tis not improbable, that if a Bear was brought to him, he would diſcover by ſome Action or other, that might naturally break out, that that Creature had been no Stranger to him, and would confirm the Opinion of his being brought up by that Creature, rather than any other.

Moſt other Creatures in a very little Time have their Young run after them, and conſequently would never have attended ſo long to ſuckle any young One in one Place, as this Child muſt have required.——And again

A Bear is the longeſt ſuckling and rearing its Cubs of any Creature, Nay, 'tis well known, that in very cold Countries, a Bear will remain in its Den with its Young, ſeveral Months without ſtirring from them, living on its own Fat, ſo that it might with no natural Difficulty attend this Infant a ſufficient Length of Time for keeping it alive, 'till it could ſcramble and gather Herbs, Nuts, Roots, and other Vegetables it ſelf for its Support.

All this we muſt ſuppoſe, ſince 'tis no fabulous Tale, but a real Thing that has happened, this Youth having really been taken wild, and is now alive, under the Care of proper Perſons to make a civilized Creature of him.

The King was pleaſed to have him with a Napkin pin'd before him at his Table, to ſee how he would eat, and behave himſelf, he had no Notion of Behaviour, or Manners, but greedily took with his Hands out of the Diſhes, what he liked beſt, ſuch as Aſparagus, or other Garden-things, and after a little time, he was ordered to be taken away, by Reaſon of his daubing undecent Behaviour.

He readily ſets himſelf down before any one, without Diſtinction of Perſons, in which Poſture of Sitting it was, that he was firſt of all ſeen and diſcovered, ſitting in the Hollow of a Tree cracking Nuts and eating Acorns

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